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Paul J. Seligman, M.D., M.P.H. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Studies U.S. Department of Energy 19901 Germantown Road/EH-6/270CC Germantown, MD 20874-1290

Dear Dr. Seligman:

I appreciate your willingness to work with the Embassy to agree on new dates for the annual Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)/ Department of Energy (DOE) meeting after canceling the originally scheduled meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii on May 2-3, 2001. In particular, I want to thank you for our telephone conversation during which you offered several scheduling options in addition to the May 22-23 dates proposed in your letter of April 11. As I mentioned, local events take up a lot of time toward the end of May, which makes travel outside of the islands difficult.

RMI participants are available to meet on June 12-13 as proposed by you. In terms of cost-effectiveness for those traveling **from** the **Marshalls**, it would be ideal if the meeting could be held in Honolulu as originally planned. I realize that your schedule may make a Honolulu meeting somewhat **difficult**. Please do not hesitate to let me know if that is the case.

Whether the meeting is held in Honolulu or D.C., I look forward to the participation of DOE contractors, Pacific Health Research Institute (PHRI) and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories (LLNL), at the meeting. The RMI considers it essential for representatives from these organizations to be a part of the dialogue.

Again, thank you for being flexible with the new schedule.

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Sincerely,

Ambassador to the United States

cc: See Attached List

cc: The Honorable Michael Senko, U.S. Ambassador to the Marshall Islands

The Honorable Alvin T. Jacklick, Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Gerald Zackios, Minister in Assistance to the President

The Honorable Frank H. Murkowski, Chairman, Senate Energy Committee

The Honorable Jeff Bingaman, Ranking Member, Senate Energy Committee

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The Honorable James V. Hansen, Chairman, House Resources Committee

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The Honorable Don Young, House Resources Committee

The Honorable George Miller, House Resources Committee

The Honorable Robert Underwood, House Resources Committee

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The Honorable Abacca Anjain-Maddison, Senator, Rongelap

The Honorable James Matayoshi, Mayor, Rongelap

The Honorable Hiroshi Yamamura, Senator, Utrik

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The Honorable Oscar deBrum, Nuclear Claims Tribunal